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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of
SCHROEDER et al.

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International Application
PCT/EP 99/01052

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For: PROCESS FOR PREPARING BIOTIN

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Honorable Commissioner of
Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination, kindly amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

- ~~Claim 3, line 1, delete "or 2".~~
- ~~Claim 4, line 1, delete "any of claims 1 to 3" and insert --claim 1--.~~
- ~~Claim 5, line 1, delete "any of claims 1 to 4" and insert --claim 1--.~~
- ~~Claim 6, line 1, delete "any of claims 1 to 5" and insert --claim 1--.~~
- ~~Claim 9, line 1, delete "or 8".~~
- ~~Claim 10, line 1, delete "any of claims 7 to 9" and insert --claim 7--.~~
- ~~Claim 11, line 2, delete "any of claims 7 to 10" and insert --claim 7--.~~
- ~~Claim 14, lines 1 and 2, delete "any of claims 7 to 10" and insert --claim 7--.~~

REMARKS

The claims have been amended to eliminate multiple dependency and to put them in better form for U.S. filing. No new matter is included.

Favorable action is solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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